

Dear FCC,

I have searched through some of the 1,800 plus comments on the Biennial Review of Media Ownership Rules, and I am glad to see that a majority of citizens oppose any changes to the current media ownership rules.

As many of the comments state, diversity in media is crucial for a thriving democracy. If the FCC allows the media conglomerates to own greater percentages of traditional media outlets, the American people will be left alone in the dark, not knowing what is happening in their own communities or what is happening around the world.

As someone who travels outside of the US, I marvel at the availability of information that other countries have in their print and broadcast media. Instead of being at the forefront of the information revolution, the United States is in danger of being left behind. Innovation does not come from large media conglomerates. It comes from educational, community, and grass roots efforts. The American people deserve to have open access to high band infrastructure, more community control of broadcast media, and more diversity of ownership and editorial voice in the press.

I hope that members of the Commission will participate in various public forums to discuss the issues, including a forum in the Philadelphia area. We need to debate the issues and the FCC plans for short and long term consequences.

Yours in Democracy,

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